

Official news about the City of Cedar Park from the City of Cedar Park.

Home is where the Heart is

City of Cedar Park's working Fiscal Year 2021 budget features flat tax rate

Great news! Thanks to smart, cost-saving measures made during the onset of COVID-19, and revenue from a one-time land sale, it looks like the City of Cedar Park will end this Fiscal Year on September 30 approximately \$1.15M in the black for its General Fund.

The City of Cedar Park's new Fiscal Year begins October 1, 2020. This year's budget theme is Home is where the Heart is – recognizing that the pandemic's Stay Home Work Safe orders caused many of us to reprioritize and refocus on home, family and community.

The City budget's General Fund, which pays for important services you depend on, such as public safety, maintenance, our parks and our library, is funded by only about 18 percent of your ad valorem (according to value) property taxes. The rest goes to other entities: about 58 percent goes to the school district, about 19 percent goes to the County and about five percent goes to the College District and Health District. At the August 13 regular scheduled City Council Meeting, our City Council set the maximum tax rate at .446977, a fraction lower than last year's tax rate of .447 cents per \$100 of property valuation. The City of Cedar Park also has a homestead exemption, which automatically deducts \$5,000 from the appraised value of your home for purposes of figuring the City portion of your tax bill.

With this working No New Revenue maximum tax rate, the typical Cedar Park homeowner would see a slight increase of about \$2.65 per month on the City portion of their property tax bill. This is largely due to rising home values.

The FY 21 General Fund working budget The FY 2021 working budget takes into consideration the uncertainty surrounding the duration and future impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has few enhancements that include contract-negotiated step increases and overtime for Police and Fire, reclassification of one FTE employee and mandated or necessary costs such as replacement of aging air conditioning units at the Police Department, security and safety improvements for City facilities and election expenses.

For more information check out our budget website [here](#).



END OF SUMMER POOL HOURS



It's that time of year already. The kids are starting school and summer is ending. End of summer pool hours can be found [here](#).



So many of us have canceled our physical vacations this year. That doesn't mean you can't take a vacation in your own back yard, even if it is just for a few minutes.

Here are 7 places to take a mental health break in Cedar Park:

1. Brushy Creek Lake Park
2. Brushy Creek Sports Park
3. Cedar Bark Park
4. Cedar Park Sculpture Garden
5. Veterans Memorial Park
6. Milburn Park
7. Nelson Ranch Park

Find out more on our website [here](#).



Next time you're driving by City Hall, check out the beautiful artwork on the utility box on Cypress Creek Road. Our PACE board chose a winner from all the entries featuring Monarch butterflies. If you know an artist, be sure to let them know we are always looking for new art. Find out more [here](#). Artist: *Jennifer Geiger, jennifer-geiger.com*

The August 14th City Council Meeting was entirely remote, with City Council Members as well as members of the public participating in a video conference call.

Council discussed, among other items:

- City of Cedar Park's COVID-19 Declaration of Local State of Disaster
- The Fiscal Year 2021 Working Budget, setting a maximum tax rate of .446977 and scheduling two public hearings for September 3 and September 10
- Recommendations from the Parks, Arts and Community Enrichment (PACE) Advisory Board for the Cedar Park Community Sculpture Garden's 2020-2021 Display Year, to be installed between October 3 and 5, in the Sculpture Garden located adjacent to the Cedar Park Recreation Center at 1435 Main Street



Watch the video recording of the meeting [HERE](#).

The next City Council Meeting will be the City Council Budget Workshop on August 27, 2020.



Want to make a difference in your community for the next 10 years? It's easy, it's free, and it takes less than 10 minutes of your time. It's [Census 2020](#)! This year is the first year you have ever been able to fill out the Census online. **You have until September 30, 2020, to answer** a few short questions that will benefit your community for a decade. Come on Cedar Park, let's get a 100% response rate!



We ♥ Joyce Hess! After 26 years of being with the City and supporting our Development Services department in every way imaginable, Joyce has retired. We will miss her wonderful smile and wealth of knowledge but are so happy for her. Congrats, Joyce! #iheartcedarpark



While Buying Cedar Park may look different these days, it's no less important. Sales tax dollars help fund projects like park and road improvements. For all your needs, continue to Buy Cedar Park to help support the community you love. [Learn more here.](#)

SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

cdc.gov/coronavirus



Wear a cloth face covering
in public spaces



Stay at least 6 feet
from other people



Frequently wash
your hands

Helpful Links and Information

- **Community resources for senior residents or those at high-risk** Find the list on our website [here](#).
- **Sign up for Smart 9-1-1 Today:** Just by providing as little information as your home address can make a difference during an emergency. Fill out your profile [here](#).
- **Find updates, current case counts, resources and more** on all things COVID-19 on the City website [here](#).
- **City services are still available to you:**
 - **City Lobbies** – are opened at City Hall. Access online services [here](#).
 - **Police Department Lobby** – is now open. Contact 9-1-1 for emergencies. Call 512-260-4600 for other assistance.
 - **Fire Admin Lobby** - now open. Contact 9-1-1 for emergencies. Call 512-401-5216 or 512-401-5222 for other assistance.
 - **Library** – Open for limited access and curbside pickup. [Digital materials](#) and [Virtual programs](#) also available. Contact by phone at 512-401-5600.
 - **Recreation Center** – Open by reservations only. Make reservations [here](#). Contact by phone at 512-401-5500.

COVID-19 Links

[Centers for Disease Control](#) | [Texas Health and Human Services](#) | [World Health Organization](#) |
[Office of the Texas Governor](#) | [Williamson County](#) | [Williamson County and City Heath Districts](#)
| [Travis County](#) | [City of Cedar Park](#) | [LISD](#) | [RRISD](#)

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